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## **CONGRESS GIVES FINAL NOD TO \$10.26 MILLION FOR GRANITE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT PROJECTS**

***Remote law enforcement training in Littleton, Anti-gang program on NH/MA border to benefit***

\_\_\_\_ WASHINGTON -- U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) today announced that ten New Hampshire law enforcement programs will benefit significantly with \$10.26 million in federal funding included in the Fiscal Year 2003 Omnibus Appropriations Conference Report that passed the Senate late last week. The funding, which Senator Gregg secured through his position as Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee that oversees funding for the Department of Justice, will substantially improve communications capability between all levels of law enforcement, increase the safety of police officers and help prosecute cyber-crime. These awards include funding for the Littleton Area Learning Center, which Senator Gregg visited earlier this month, which allows North Country police and fire personnel to train closer to their communities, and the Operation: Streetsweeper program, which combats gang-related crime near the border with Massachusetts. Last week's Senate vote was the final Congressional hurdle for the measure, which is awaiting final approval from the President.

Senator Gregg stated, "The range of law enforcement projects being carried out by local and state law enforcement personnel are a reflection of the tremendous work done to keep our neighborhoods and communities safe. These projects allow police and fire personnel across the state to be more effective and increase safety while working to prevent crime and apprehend and prosecute criminals. I have worked with and viewed the results of many of these programs and appreciate the outstanding work they have done to not only make New Hampshire a safer place to live, but to strengthen our national homeland security as well."

"Senator Gregg has funded two important initiatives enabling UNH to contribute to making America safer for all citizens," said Dr. Donald Sundberg, UNH Vice President for Research and Public Service, "One integrates new technologies to enable police officers in the field to do their jobs better and more efficiently. The other helps us to understand and help prevent crimes against children. Together, these demonstrate a commitment to improving the quality of law enforcement and justice systems."

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Earl M. Sweeney, the Director of the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council, stated, "The infusion of federal dollars will allow the New Hampshire Police Academy to move to the next technological level. The Internet and changing demographics have resulted in a new generation of police recruit. To educate these more technology-savvy recruits requires a transition to a new method of instruction, including computer-based training and putting recruits in simulated situations where they react to realistic scenarios and are rated on their performance before they encounter similar situations on the job. Using the technology provided by these federal funds, New Hampshire's Academy hopes to create a model that will be useful to other academies nationwide."

For more information, contact Dr. Donald Sundberg at (603) 862-1997.

A summary of the New Hampshire law enforcement projects in the Fiscal Year 2003 Omnibus Appropriations bill is attached.

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**New Hampshire Law Enforcement Funds**  
**FY03 Omnibus Appropriations Conference Report**  
**U.S. Senator Judd Gregg**

- ▶ **\$3 million -- Consolidated Advanced Technologies Laboratory:** The CATLab program works to address problems with electronic devices inside police cruisers and in the communication ability between law enforcement officers and their headquarters. The innovations being pioneered through the project will significantly enhance the information available to officers in the field, including voice recognition commands and linking law enforcement radios through computers. The program is a collaborative effort of the University of New Hampshire and the New Hampshire Department of Safety.  
Fiscal Year 1999 - \$3.5 million; 2000 - \$3.5 million; 2001 - \$3.5 million; 2002 - \$4 million  
Total awarded to date: **\$17.5 million**  
*Contact: Major Fred Booth, NH State Police, (603) 271-2575*
  
- ▶ **\$1.5 million -- Operation Streetsweeper:** The New Hampshire State Police will use these funds to work with the U.S. Attorney's office in combating gang-related violence and crime at the NH/MA border.  
Fiscal Year 1999 - \$1 million; 2000 - \$1.5 million; 2001 - \$1.5 million, 2002 - \$1.5 million  
Total awarded to date: **\$7 million**  
*Contact: Major Booth*
  
- ▶ **\$1.5 million -- Crimes Against Children Research Center at University of New Hampshire** The mission of the Crimes against Children Research Center is to combat crimes against children by providing high quality research and statistics to the public, policy makers, law enforcement personnel, and other child welfare practitioners. CCRC is concerned with research about the nature of crimes including child abduction, homicide, rape, assault, and physical and sexual abuse as well as their impact.  
Fiscal Year 1998 - \$1.35 million; 1999 – \$1.5 million; 2000 – \$1.5 million; 2001 – \$1.5 million; 2002 – \$1.5 million  
Total awarded to date: **\$8.85 million**  
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- ▶ **\$1 million -- CJIS WareNET:** This new program will connect all state law enforcement agencies into one information database, making archival and retrieval more efficient and accurate.  
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- ▶ **\$1.5 million -- Operation Streetsweeper Task Force:** This program enables the U.S. Attorney in New Hampshire to prosecute criminals who exploit children on the Internet. In addition, these funds have been used to target criminals who cross the NH/MA border to commit crimes.  
Fiscal Year 1998 - \$1 million; 1999 - \$1 million; 2000 - \$1 million; 2001 - \$1 million, 2002- \$1 million  
Total awarded to date: **\$6.5 million**  
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- ▶ **\$500,000 -- Littleton Area Learning Center:** To provide the NH Police Standards and Training Council and the NH Fire Academy with funds to enable them to conduct long distance training in Littleton. This will make it easier and less expensive for North Country governments to fulfill mandatory training requirements for their police and fire personnel.  
Fiscal Year 2001 - \$500,000, 2002 - \$500,000  
Total awarded to date: **\$1.5 million**  
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- ▶ **\$500,000 -- NH Police Standards and Training Facility:** To purchase high-technology devices for training new recruits and two mobile units for simulation training.  
*Contact: Earl Sweeney, Director, (603) 271-2133*
  
- ▶ **\$300,000 -- NH Department of Corrections:** These funds will purchase digital radios to allow officers in the Department of Corrections to communicate with local, state and county law enforcement officers around the state.  
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- ▶ **\$260,000 -- New Hampshire Department of Safety and Nashua Police Department:** These funds will be used to purchase a Remotec Andres V-A1 hazardous duty robot for each department. The robots can be used in situations that involve hazardous materials.
  
- ▶ **\$200,000 -- UNH Police Department to Reduce Violent Crimes Against Women:** The University of New Hampshire will use these funds for a program to fight violent crime committed against women on campus.

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